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The  
*American Eagle*  
spreads its wings.

The proof American Eagle series expands this year to include all five 1988 U.S. gold and silver bullion coins.

*Order yours directly from the U.S. Mint,  
only through September 23, 1988.*

# America's distinguished proof gold and silver bullion coins for 1988...

The American Eagle is spreading its wings.

For the first time since their introduction in 1986, you can acquire all five American Eagle gold and silver bullion coins in luminous, specially minted 1988 proof versions.

These are coveted collector's versions of legal tender U.S. bullion coins bought and traded by investors on world bullion markets. Four exquisite gold coins—one ounce, one-half ounce, one-quarter ounce, and one-tenth ounce—and a graceful one ounce Silver Dollar coin.

Celebrated as some of the most magnificent coins ever struck, one ounce gold and silver American Eagles were offered to collectors in proof versions in 1986 and 1987. A one-half ounce proof gold coin was also minted in 1987.

But until today, you could not obtain all sizes of American Eagle bullion coins in collector's proof versions from any source... at any price.

## An Unprecedented Offer from the U.S. Mint

Now, for a limited time, the 1988 issue of U.S. bullion coins in proof condition is available, in its entirety, directly from the U.S. Mint.

American Eagle proof gold coins may be purchased individually, or in a stunning Four-Coin Set—the first of its kind. Completing the 1988 issue is the American Eagle proof Silver Dollar, available separately.

With prices as low as \$65.00 for the new one-tenth ounce proof gold coin, and \$23.00 for the silver, virtually every collector can now possess these supreme examples of the minter's art, meticulously crafted in actual gold and silver bullion.

## American Eagle Proof Gold Coins

All four American Eagle proof gold coins feature a majestic figure of Liberty on their obverse, based on a work by one of America's most eminent sculptors of the 19th and 20th centuries.

Augustus Saint-Gaudens (1848-1907) created this image for the classic double eagle coin minted from 1907 to 1933. In it, within a dazzling sunburst, a triumphant Liberty ascends a promontory, holding a torch in her extended right hand and an olive branch in her left.

The design on the reverse, by Texas sculptor Miley Busiek, symbolizes American family unity and values. It depicts a male and female eagle nurturing and providing for two young eaglets.

Each American Eagle proof coin contains one ounce of pure gold. The coin is also fortified with small amounts of silver and copper to make it durable and ensure its beauty. See back cover for individual coin specifications.

## The American Eagle Proof Silver Coin

"Walking Liberty" by the distinguished American sculptor and medalist Adolph A. Weinman (1870-1952) inspired the obverse of the Silver Dollar. Enveloped in folds of the flag and carrying a laurel branch, this graceful Liberty appeared on a silver half dollar first minted in 1916.

U.S. Mint sculptor John Mercanti designed the reverse of this coin, a beautifully detailed heraldic eagle and shield symbolizing strength and endurance.

The silver American Eagle contains one troy ounce of .999 silver. Additional specifications are on the back cover.

**T**he first complete year's issue of proof American Eagles ever offered by the U.S. Mint.

## Order yours before September 23, 1988

The only period for ordering the historic 1988 issue of American Eagle proof coins directly from the U.S. Mint will expire on September 23, 1988. The Mint will not be able to accept orders postmarked after the September 23 deadline.

So whether you choose to add just one of these splendid coins to your collection... or all five... it is important to return your enclosed personalized order form as soon as possible.

To avoid disappointment, reserve your coins today. The Mint will acknowledge your accepted order. Shipments are expected to begin in October 1988 and continue for three months.



One-Quarter Ounce Gold



One-Tenth Ounce Gold

1988 American Eagle Gold Coins and the American Eagle Silver Dollar: all sizes in proof condition. Coins shown here approximate actual size.

One-Half Ounce Gold  
Obverse  
Reverse



One Ounce Gold  
Obverse  
Reverse



One Ounce Silver  
Obverse  
Reverse



# Five inspiring coins, each unerringly crafted—for your collection, or as a gift.

From gleaming bars and ingots to exquisitely wrought jewelry, gold and silver in any form have long held a unique fascination for collectors and lovers of beauty.

In American Eagle proof bullion coins, gold and silver achieve a perfection of form with few rivals in coinage or the fine arts.

Following a tradition handed down over the years by skilled master craftsmen, the surfaces of selected dies are processed to create a frosted appearance. To achieve the effect of a cameo image on a mirrored field, the image of the die is covered with protective tape and the exposed surface is polished and buffed by hand. During the actual striking process, coin blanks burnished to remove imperfections are fed one at a time into a special proof coin press. Striking each side of the blank at least twice—at slow speed and with extra pressure—accentuates every detail of the engraving with extraordinary clarity.

After striking, each proof coin is carefully examined for flaws by a gloved inspector, then placed in a clear protective capsule.

American Eagle proof coins and sets are packaged in the display cases you see here—handsome additions to any collection, and perfect for presenting as gifts. A Certificate attesting to the coins' authenticity, signed by the Director of the U.S. Mint, is included.

Take advantage of the only ordering period of the year to order 1988 American Eagle proof bullion coins directly from the U.S. Mint. Make sure your order is postmarked *no later than September 23, 1988*.



Elegantly designed presentation cases allow viewing of both obverse and reverse of American Eagle proof coins.

## One Ounce Gold Coin

Content: 1.0000 troy ounce (31.1035 grams) Gold  
Weight: 1.0909 troy ounces (33.931 grams)\*  
Diameter: 1.287 inches (32.70 mm)  
Thickness: 0.113 inch (2.88 mm)  
Face Value: \$50.00  
Mint: West Point Mint  
Mint Mark: "W"  
Price: \$585.00

## One-Half Ounce Gold Coin

Content: 0.5000 troy ounce (15.5522 grams) Gold  
Weight: 0.5455 troy ounce (16.966 grams)\*  
Diameter: 1.063 inches (27.00 mm)  
Thickness: 0.087 inch (2.21 mm)  
Face Value: \$25.00  
Mint: Philadelphia Mint  
Mint Mark: "P"  
Price: \$295.00

## One-Quarter Ounce Gold Coin

Content: 0.2500 troy ounce (7.7759 grams) Gold  
Weight: 0.2727 troy ounce (8.483 grams)\*  
Diameter: 0.866 inch (22.00 mm)  
Thickness: 0.070 inch (1.78 mm)  
Face Value: \$10.00  
Mint: Philadelphia Mint  
Mint Mark: "P"  
Price: \$150.00

## One-Tenth Ounce Gold Coin

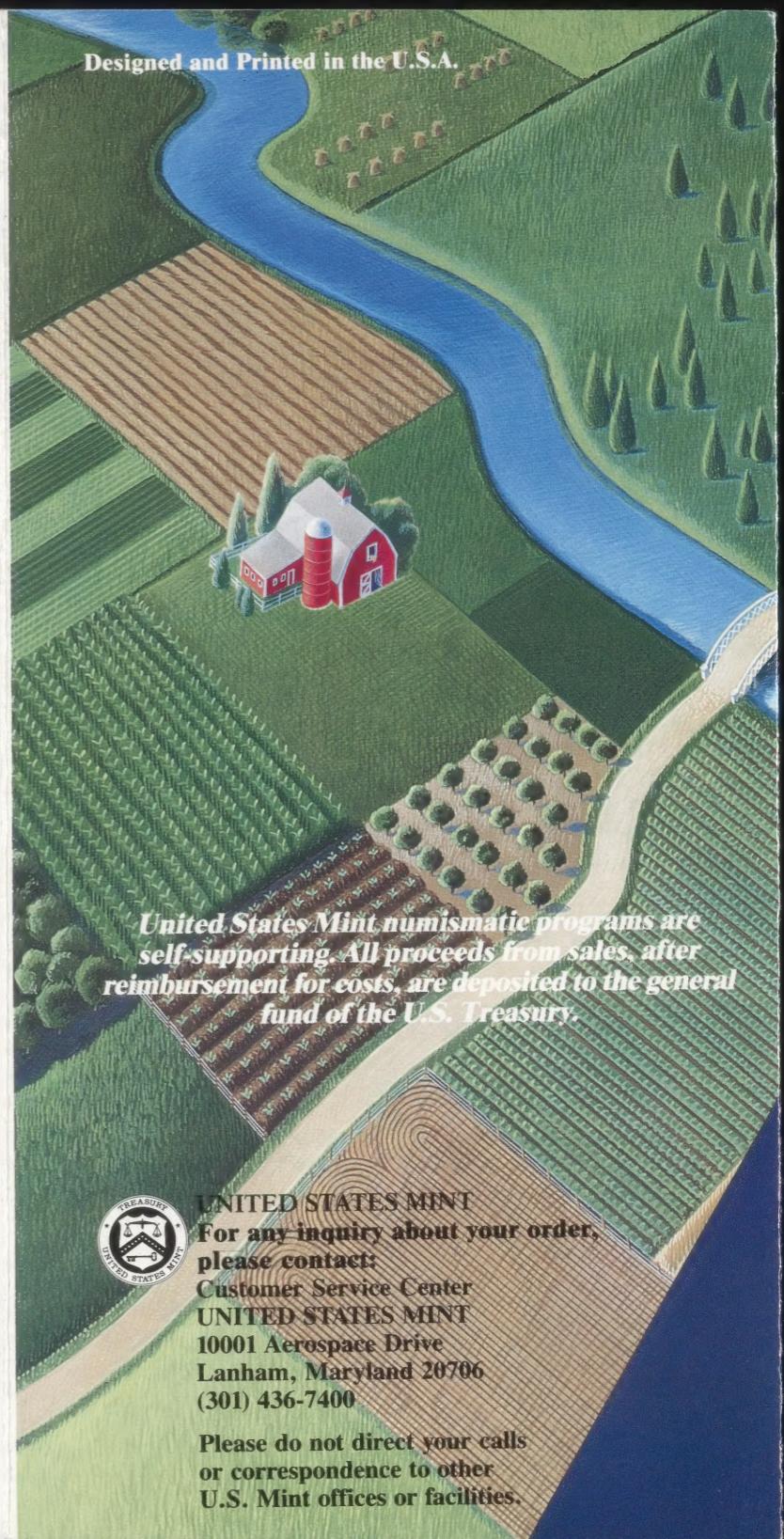
Content: 0.1000 troy ounce (3.1103 grams) Gold  
Weight: 0.1091 troy ounce (3.393 grams)\*  
Diameter: 0.650 inch (16.50 mm)  
Thickness: 0.049 inch (1.26 mm)  
Face Value: \$5.00  
Mint: Philadelphia Mint  
Mint Mark: "P"  
Price: \$65.00

## One Ounce Silver Coin

Content: 0.999 troy ounce (31.072 grams) Silver  
Weight: 1.000 troy ounce (31.1035 grams)  
Diameter: 1.598 inches (40.60 mm)  
Thickness: 0.121 inch (3.06 mm)  
Face Value: \$1.00  
Mint: San Francisco Mint  
Mint Mark: "S"  
Price: \$23.00

\*Balance of Proof Gold Bullion Coins consists of silver and copper, added to provide durability.

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